

## **1. INTRODUCTION TO VOLUME 3, RESPONSE TO COMMENTS, AND VOLUME 4, COMMENT LETTERS RECEIVED ON DRAFT EIR/EIS**

Volume 3 (responses to comments received during the public review and comment period) and Volume 4 (comment letters received), in conjunction with Volumes 1 and 2, which contain revisions to the *ECO/Tule/ESJ Gen-Tie Projects Draft EIR/EIS* (December 2010), constitute the Final EIR/EIS for the Proposed PROJECT.

Volumes 3 and 4 of the Final EIR/EIS contain all comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS and responses thereto and are organized as follows:

- Volume 3, Responses to Comments
  1. Introduction
  2. Common Responses
  3. Responses to Comments
- Volume 4, Comment Letters Received.

The focus of the responses to comments in Volume 3 is on the disposition of significant environmental issues raised in the comments, as specified by Section 15088(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. Detailed responses are not provided to comments on the merits of the Proposed PROJECT. When a comment is not directed to significant environmental issues, the responses indicate that the comment has been noted and no further response is necessary.

A number of comments received on the Draft EIR/EIS were similar in nature and expressed similar environmental concerns. Rather than repeat responses, the themes of recurring comments have been summarized and common responses on these topics are provided in Section 2 of Volume 3 (Responses to Comments). Cross-references to these common responses are provided in response to specific comments contained within Volume 4 (Comment Letters Received). Section 3 of Volume 3 provides responses to all comments received.

### **1.1 List of Commenters and Responses**

During the public review period, more than 200 comment letters were received on the Draft EIR/EIS. These comment letters and their corresponding responses are presented chronologically and organized in the following categories:

- A. Federal agencies and officials
- B. State and local agencies and officials

- C. Native American tribes
- D. Community groups, non-profit organizations, and private organizations
- E. The applicants
- F. Individuals
- G. Form letters
- H. Late letters (accepted after the close of public review).

Each comment letter has been assigned a unique letter-number designation based on category and chronology. Comment letters received and unique letter-number designators for each letter are listed in Table 1-1. Individual comments within each letter are bracketed and subsequently numbered in the right-hand margin and correspond with the responses of the same letter-number designation in Volume 3. Bracketed/numbered comment letters can be found in their entirety in Volume 4.

**Table 1-1. Index of Commenters on the Draft EIR/EIS**

Comment Letter Designator	Date of Letter	Commenter	Response Nos.
<b>A</b>	<b><i>Federal Agencies and Officials</i></b>		
A1	1/26/11	Federal Aviation Administration	A1-1
A2	2/4/11	Congress of the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Bob Filner	A2-1–A2-6
A3	3/3/11	Congress of the United States House of Representatives, Congressman Duncan Hunter	A3-1–A3-10
A4	3/4/11	U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs	A4-1–A4-3
A5	3/4/11	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, Environmental Review Office	A5-1–A5-24
<b>B</b>	<b><i>State and Local Agencies and Officials</i></b>		
B1	1/4/11	Law Office of Cynthia L. Eldred (on behalf of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District)	B1-1–B1-10
B2	2/7/11	California State Senate, Senator Joel Anderson	B2-1
B3	2/28/11	California Department of Fish and Game, South Coast Region	B3-1–B3-38
B4	3/1/11	California Department of Transportation, District 11 Planning Division	B4-1–B4-4
B5	3/4/11	California Natural Resources Agency, Department of Parks and Recreation, Colorado Desert District	B5-1–B5-11
B6	3/4/11	California Public Utilities Commission, Rail Crossings Engineering Section	B6-1– B6-3
B7	3/4/11	California State Lands Commission	B7-1–B7-47

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B8	3/4/11	County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use	B8-1–B8-16
B9	3/4/11	Law Office of Cynthia L. Eldred (on behalf of the San Diego Rural Fire Protection District)	B9-1–B9-18
B10	3/7/11	Governor’s Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit	B10-1–B10-2
<b>C</b>	<b><i>Native American Tribes/Groups</i></b>		
C1	12/28/10	Native American Heritage Commission	C1-1–C1-10
C2	1/19/11	Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	C2-1–C2-2
C3	3/2/11	Manzanita Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	C3-1–C3-5
C4	3/3/11	Campo Band of Mission Indians	C4-1– C4-5
C5	3/3/11	Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians	C5-1– C5-39
C6	3/3/11	Viejas Tribal Government	C6-1– C6-8
C7	3/4/11	Kumeyaay Cultural Repatriation Committee	C7-1
<b>D</b>	<b><i>Community Groups, Non-Profit Organizations, and Private Organizations</i></b>		
D1	1/20/11	Clean Tech San Diego	D1-1–D1-4
D2	1/21/11	San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce	D2-1–D2-3
D3	1/26/11	Industrial Environmental Association	D3-1–D3-3
D4	1/27/11	Mountain Health	D4-1–D4-3
D5	1/28/11	San Diego Renewable Energy Society	D5-1–D5-14
D6	1/28/11	San Diego Renewable Energy Society	D6-1–D6-19
D7	2/2/11	Backcountry Against Dumps	D7-1–D7-5
D8	2/4/11	Westfield	D8-1–D8-3
D9	2/5/11	Rasayana	D9-1–D9-17
D10	2/10/11	San Diego Renewable Energy Society	D10-1–D10-4
D11	2/14/11	San Diego County Archaeological Society, Inc.	D11-1–D11-8
D12	2/15/11	California Wind Energy Association	D12-1–D12-3
D13	2/17/11	HOPE of the Mountain Empire	D13-1–D13-4
D14	2/17/11	Mountain Empire Business Association	D14-1–D14-2
D15	2/17/11	Mountain Empire Gentlemen's Club	D15-1
D16	2/22/11	Gatzke, Dillon, and Ballance LLP (on behalf of EcoLogic Partners Inc.)	D16-1
D17	2/28/11	Enel Green Power, North America, Inc.	D17-1–D17-4
D18	3/1/11	Backcountry Against Dumps	D18-1–D18-4
D19	3/2/11	Boulevard/Jacumba/La Posta Fire Safe Council	D19-1–D19-80
D20	3/3/11	Backcountry Against Dumps	D20-1–D20-2
D21	3/3/11	Courtney Ann Coyle Attorney at Law (on behalf of Carmen Lucas)	D21-1–D21-10

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D22	3/3/11	Herum/Crabtree Attorneys (on behalf of JAM Investments, Inc.)	D22-1–D22-5
D23	3/3/11	Pinney, Caldwell, and Pace	D23-1–D23-4
D24	3/3/11	Pinney, Caldwell, and Pace (on behalf of the Trustee of the Walapi Properties Retirement Plan Trust)	D24-1–D24-3
D25	3/3/11	Pinney, Caldwell, and Pace (on behalf of the Trustee of the Walapi Trust)	D25-1–D25-3
D26	3/4/11	Adams Broadwell Joseph and Cardozo (on behalf of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers)	D26-1–D26-27
D27	3/4/11	Backcountry Against Dumps	D27-1–D27-3
D28	3/4/11	Boulevard Planning Group	D28-1–D28-108
D29	3/4/11	CAL FIRE San Diego Unit	D29-1–D29-9
D30	3/4/11	California State Parks Foundation	D30-1–D30-5
D31	3/4/11	E-Coustic Solutions	D31-1–D31-24
D32	3/4/11	Foley and Lardner, LLP (on behalf of Invenergy Wind California, LLC)	D32-1–D32-10
D33	3/4/11	Law Offices of Stephan C. Volker (on behalf of Backcountry Against Dumps, The Protect Our Communities Foundation, East County Community Action Coalition, and Donna Tisdale)	D33-1–D33-34
D34	3/4/11	Natural Resources Defense Council (on behalf of the Defenders of Wildlife, Sierra Club, Center for Biological Diversity, Audubon California, San Diego Audubon Society)	D34-1–D34-29
D35	3/4/11	Sacred Rocks Reserve	D35-1
D36	3/4/11	San Diego East County Chamber of Commerce	D36-1
D37	3/4/11	San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation	D37-1
D38	3/4/11	Terra-Gen Power, LLC	D38-1
<b>E</b>	<b>Applicants</b>		
E1	3/4/11	Iberdrola Renewables (on behalf of Tule Wind, LLC)	E1-1–E1-43
E2	3/4/11	Iberdrola Renewables (on behalf of Tule Wind, LLC)	E2-1–E2-25
E3	3/4/11	San Diego Gas & Electric Company	E3-1–E3-28
E4	3/4/11	Sempra Generation	E4-1–E4-21
<b>F</b>	<b>Individuals</b>		
F1	12/23/10	Dadla Ponizil	F1-1–F1-3
F2	1/4/11	Greg Erdmann	F2-1–F2-4
F3	1/20/11	Jeanne Bennett	F3-1

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F4	1/20/11	Mary Lu Brandwein	F4-1-F4-3
F5	1/20/11	Ned Israelsen	F5-1-F5-2
F6	1/21/11	Jeff Hamann	F6-1-F6-2
F7	1/23/11	Dale Stokes	F7-1
F8	1/23/11	Richard Warner	F8-1
F9	1/24/11	Mary Lu Brandwein	F9-1-F9-3
F10	1/24/11	Gerry Hodge	F10-1
F11	1/25/11	Ginger Bonamo	F11-1-F11-7
F12	1/25/11	William Joyce	F12-1
F13	1/25/11	Alvin and Margaret Stahlheber	F13-1-F13-2
F14	1/26/11	Mary Lu Brandwein	F14-1-F14-4
F15	1/26/11	Jeanne Davies	F15-1
F16	1/26/11	Edwin Fleming	F16-1
F17	1/26/11	Desiderio Vela	F17-1-F17-2
F18	1/26/11	Nash Williams	F18-1
F19	1/28/11	Clio Gatt	F19-1-F19-3
F20	1/29/11	Brendan Hughes	F20-1-F20-5
F21	1/29/11	Robert Maupin	F21-1-F21-4
F22	1/30/11	Barrance Zakar	F22-1-F22-5
F23	1/31/11	Helene Idels	F23-1
F24	2/2/11	James Freeburn	F24-1-F24-4
F25	2/2/11	Dan and Tammi Mannix	F25-1
F26	2/2/11	Alan Ridley	F26-1-F26-3
F27	2/2/11	Desiderio Vela	F27-1-F27-3
F28	2/2/11	Philip Villanueva	F28-1
F29	2/2/11	Jim Wiegand	F29-1-F29-12
F30	2/3/11	Barbara Ashbee	F30-1-F30-3
F31	2/3/11	William Vandivere	F31-1
F32	2/4/11	Dana Chappell	F32-1-F32-4
F33	2/4/11	William Parks	F33-1-F33-2
F34	2/6/11	William Pape	F34-1
F35	2/7/11	Christopher Dunn	F35-1-F35-7
F36	2/7/11	Mary Anne Oppenheimer	F36-1
F37	2/7/11	Diane Smelser	F37-1-F37-4
F38	2/8/11	John Gibson	F38-1
F39	2/8/11	Julie Gibson	F39-1-F39-2
F40	2/9/11	Jim Collins	F40-1-F40-3
F41	2/10/11	Earl Goodnight	F41-1-F41-7
F42	2/12/11	John and Iris Mauris	F42-1-F42-17

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F43	2/12/11	Robert and Kathryn McCallister	F43-1–F43-16
F44	2/12/11	Paul Thompson	F44-1–F44-12
F45	2/12/11	Philip Villanueva	F45-1
F46	2/14/11	Howard Cook	F46-1–F46-33
F47	2/14/11	Michael Hanna	F47-1–F47-3
F48	2/14/11	Dan and Tammi Mannix	F48-1
F49	2/14/11	Mark Meech	F49-1–F49-2
F50	2/14/11	Donna Tisdale	F50-1–F50-2
F51	2/15/11	Harry and Tracy Backer	F51-1–F51-8
F52	2/16/11	Tom Bartley	F52-1–F52-7
F53	2/16/11	Michael Cuff	F53-1–F53-19
F54	2/16/11	Ron Dahlgren	F54-1
F55	2/17/11	Brock Prather	F55-1
F56	2/19/11	Sean Kilcoyne	F56-1–F56-2
F57	2/20/11	Robert and Cindy Clark	F57-1–F57-4
F58	2/21/11	Edward Waldheim	F58-1–F58-3
F59	2/22/11	Mary Stewart	F59-1–F59-7
F60	2/22/11	Richard Volker	F60-1–F60-5
F61	2/23/11	Ronald Dahlgren	F61-1–F61-5
F62	2/23/11	Desi Vela	F62-1
F63	2/24/11	Carmen Krogh	F63-1–F63-65
F64	2/24/11	Carmen Krogh	F64-1–F64-3
F65	2/28/11	Jeffrey and Paula Byrd	F65-1–F65-15
F66	2/28/11	Lorrie Ostrander	F66-1–F66-25
F67	2/28/11	Mark Ostrander	F67-1–F67-39
F68	2/28/11	Michael Villandre	F68-1
F69	3/1/11	Mary Lu Brandwein	F69-1–F69-35
F70	3/1/11	Marie and Scott Morgan	F70-1–F70-7
F71	3/1/11	Mrs. Ken Oppenheimer	F71-1–F71-15
F72	3/1/11	Michele Strand	F72-1–F72-16
F73	3/2/11	Charles and Laurie Baker	F73-1–F73-31
F74	3/2/11	Carol Cockerham	F74-1–F74-3
F75	3/2/11	Marissa Cuero	F75-1–F75-2
F76	3/2/11	Judy Elliott	F76-1–F76-2
F77	3/2/11	Nick Elliott	F77-1–F77-2
F78	3/2/11	Toni Lee Elliott	F78-1–F78-4
F79	3/2/11	Yolanda Elliott	F79-1–F79-2
F80	3/2/2011	Lio Estrada	F80-1–F80-2
F81	3/2/2011	Michael and Debbie Moran	F81-1–F81-15

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F82	3/2/11	Veronica Santos	F82-1–F82-2
F83	3/2/11	Jeanie Sepin	F83-1–F83-2
F84	3/3/11	Alexa Adkins	F84-1–F84-2
F85	3/3/11	Don Bonfiglio	F85-1–F85-2
F86	3/3/11	Danielle Cook	F86-1–F86-24
F87	3/3/11	Johnny Eagle Spirit Elliot	F87-1
F88	3/3/11	Jon Isaacs	F88-1–F88-19
F89	3/3/11	Derik Martin	F89-1–F89-8
F90	3/3/11	Jeffrey and Laura McKernan	F90-1–F90-12
F91	3/3/11	Crosby Milne	F91-1–F91-15
F92	3/3/11	Chris Noland	F92-1–F92-7
F93	3/3/11	Ken Venable	F93-1
F94	3/4/11	Daniella Adkins	F94-1–F94-2
F95	3/4/11	Keith Adkins	F95-1–F95-2
F96	3/4/11	Theresa Angotti and David Thompson	F96-1–F96-3
F97	3/4/11	Mary Lu Brandwein	F97-1–F97-14
F98	3/4/11	Cynthia Buxton	F98-1–F98-15
F99	3/4/11	Ken, Tammy, Michelle, Kristy, and Sherry Daubach	F99-1–F99-25
F100	3/4/11	Santiago de Los Santos	F100-1–F100-
F102	3/4/11	Ginette Gallego	F102-1–F102-2
F103	3/4/11	Mark Hass	F103-1–F103-11
F104	3/4/11	Caroline Isaacs	F104-1–F104-6
F105	3/4/11	Carmen Lucas	F105-1–F105-3
F106	3/4/11	Aaron Quintanar	F106-1–F106-3
F107	3/4/11	Rafael Rubio	F107-1–F107-2
F108	3/4/11	Steven and Laurie Squillaci	F108-1–F108-5
F109	3/4/11	Patricia and Elliott Stuart	F109-1–F109-3
F110	3/7/11	Gary Clasen	F110-1
<b>G</b>	<b>Form Letters</b>		
G1	2/7/11	Kimberly Hoover	G1-1
G2	2/7/11	Carlton Johnson	G2-1
G3	2/7/11	Morgan Rogers	G3-1
G4	2/8/11	Edwin L. Gwin	G4-1
G5	2/8/11	Gary Nessim	G5-1
G6	2/8/11	Terry Peterson	G6-1
G7	2/8/11	Sal Serra	G7-1
G8	2/9/11	Marie Beatty	G8-1
G9	2/9/11	Ronald and Elizabeth Dahlgren	G9-1

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G10	2/9/11	Shannon Santos	G10-1
G11	2/9/11	ME Shepard	G11-1
G12	2/10/11	Philip Villanueva	G12-1
G13	2/14/11	Debra Huffman	G13-1
G14	2/14/11	Mark Mayer	G14-1
G15	2/15/11	Capt. Michael J. Bateman	G15-1
G16	2/17/11	Jackie Fitzgibbons	G16-1
G17	2/18/11	Maritoni Dumlao	G17-1
G18	2/22/11	Mary A. Rose	G18-1
G19	2/23/11	Stephanie Connolly	G19-1
G20	3/7/11	John W. Winnen	G20-1
G21	3/8/11	Sandra Stoneburner	G21-1
G22	3/9/11	David A. Alvernaz	G22-1
G23	12/29/10	Lawrence Gallick	G23-1
G24	1/11/11	Robert Carolin	G24-1
G25	1/12/11	Matt Harding	G25-1
G26	1/13/11	Joe Currie	G26-1
G27	1/13/11	Lauri Currie	G27-1
G28	1/13/11	Alita Hetland	G28-1
G29	1/13/11	Eric Hyman	G29-1
G30	1/14/11	Gary Skaggs	G30-1
G31	1/14/11	Gloria Valadez	G31-1
G32	1/15/11	Terry Peterson	G32-1
G33	1/15/11	Bryce Blank	G33-1
G34	1/16/11	Elizabeth Denney	G34-1
G35	1/16/11	Jerrad Denney	G35-1
G36	1/17/11	Robert Wiederkehr	G36-1
G37	1/19/11	Christian McDonald	G37-1
G38	1/20/11	Mike Bateman	G38-1
G39	1/20/11	Donald Brown	G39-1
G40	1/21/11	Glen Brandenburg	G40-1
G41	1/21/11	Gwendolyn Stowers	G41-1
G42	1/24/11	Charlie Johnson	G42-1
G43	1/24/11	Kurt Tellefsen	G43-1
G44	1/25/11	Kim Mackie	G44-1
G45	1/26/11	Peter Muzzy	G45-1
G46	1/28/11	Richard Caputo	G46-1
G47	2/2/11	William L. Parks	G47-1
G48	2/2/11	Martin Zurawski	G48-1

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G49	2/3/11	Steve Cazel	G49-1
G50	2/3/11	Dave Demuth	G50-1
G51	2/4/11	David Pitta	G51-1
G52	2/4/11	Steve Snyder	G52-1
G53	2/6/11	Nicholas Bennett	G53-1
G54	2/7/11	Gloria Valadez	G54-1
G55	2/10/11	Gwen Stowers	G55-1
G56	2/12/11	Cali Griebel	G56-1
G57	3/2/11	Marla Alvarado	G57-1
G58	3/3/11	Carl Evans	G58-1
G59	3/3/11	Eric Hyman	G59-1
G60	3/3/11	Christine Mello	G60-1
G61	3/3/11	Terry Peterson	G61-1
G62	2/16/11	Tule Lark Canyon (postcard)	G62-1–G62-2
<b>H</b>	<b>Late Letters</b>		
H1	3/10/11	Steve Washer	H1–H13
H2	3/22/11	KG Golly	H2-1
H3	3/28/11	Victoria Hernandez Raya	H3-1
H4	3/30/11	County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use	H4-1–H4-10

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